

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT  
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KEZIAH THAYER,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA KNOWLES, SUPERVISOR  
VERMONT DEPARTMENT FOR  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ("DCF");  
KAREN SHEA, FORMER DEPUTY  
COMMISSIONER FOR THE DCF  
FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION ("FSD");  
MONICA BROWN, DCF CASE  
WORKER; CHRISTOPHER CONWAY,  
DCF CASE WORKER; JENNIFER  
BURKEY, DCF - DISTRICT DIRECTOR,  
JACQUELINE PELL, DCF FAMILY  
SERVICES SUPERVISOR; SARAH  
KAMINSKI, DCF CASE WORKER, each  
in their individual capacities; KENNETH  
SCHATZ, COMMISSIONER, DCF (in his  
individual and official capacities); JOHN  
W. DONNELLEY, individually; JOHN W.  
DONNELLY, PhD., PLLC; LUND  
FAMILY CENTER, INC.; CHRISTINE  
JOHNSON, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
of DCF, for the FSD; the VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES; JUSTICES of the VERMONT  
SUPREME COURT and VERMONT  
CHIEF SUPERIOR JUDGE, in their official  
capacities,

Defendants,

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Case No. 5:19-cv-223

**ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME**  
**(Doc. 191, 193)**


By motion, defendants sought two-week extensions to respond to a lengthy Second Amended Complaint. (Doc. 191, 193). Plaintiff does not consent. He seeks the 14 days to

respond to the motion for an extension provided by local rule – essentially the same time sought by plaintiffs. Rather than respond in a memorandum, plaintiffs have sent an email directly to chambers – doubling the work of the court in identifying their position.

Vermont practice encourages cooperation and consent to scheduling requests. The court has spent most of an hour untangling what should have been a stipulated motion. (Indeed, there was some initial misunderstanding between the parties about whether the request was opposed.) This is a waste of the parties' and the court's time. The court expects that requests for extensions will be routinely granted between the parties in future.

As requested by plaintiff, the court will wait the full response time (14 days) and the reply time (a second period of 14 days) before ruling on the motions for extension. The time for defendants to respond to the motion to dismiss is extended until the court issues a ruling on the pending motion for an extension of time to respond to the Second Amended Complaint.

Dated at Rutland, in the District of Vermont, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022.



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Geoffrey W. Crawford, Chief Judge  
United States District Court